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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MILITARY SUPPLIES TO EGYPT

SEVERAL "INTERESTING COINCIDENCES" ARE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION
FOR EVALUATION AS TO POSSIBLE ACTIVITY IN MILITARY SUPPLIES
TO EGYPT.

A. AT MILITARY QUAI, PIER 45, LIES SMALL (999 TON) CYPRIOT
- REGISTERED SHIP SS OSCAR DEMET. REVIEW OF RECENT WEEKLY
LLOYD'S SHIPPING INDEX SHOWS HER (JULY 29) FROM UNKNOWN PORT
EN ROUTE SUEZ, "SIGHTED ADEN JULY 8". JUNE 24 AND JULY 1
INDEXES SHOW HER AS "IN ABOUT 11 DEGREES 35 MINUTES
NORTH, 57 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST." THIS LOCATION IS ABOUT 250
MILES ESE OF SOCCATRA ISLAND. EIGHTEEN DAYS FROM THERE TO ADEN
SUGGESTS POSSIBLE STOP AT SOVIET ANCHORAGE OFF SOCCATRA. THERE
IS NO INDEX ENTRY ON VESSEL PRIOR TO JUNE 24. THERE IS NOTED
THEREAFTER SHIP WAS PREVIOUSLY SS SANYU MARU. ONE OTHER RARE,
BUT NOT TOTALLY UNUSUAL FACT, IS THAT INDEX GIVES NO LISTING
OF OWNER/MANAGER. ARRIVAL NOT REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS.

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B. LOCAL SHIPPING COLUMN IN JOURNAL D'EGYPT DID SHOW ARRIVAL
19 AUGUST OF SOVIET VESSEL SS MATVEY MURANOV. SHE WAS SPOTTED
AT PIER 66 OF NITRATE QUAY ON 25 AUGUST, NOT HAVING BEEN THERE
PREVIOUS DAY. BY NEXT DAY SHE WAS GONE. DUE MONUMENTAL TRAFFIC
JAM OF GRAIN CARGO TRUCKS CLOGGING ACCESS TO SILOS AND MOST
OTHER GRAIN PIERS TODAY, WE COULD NOT GET TO MOST WESTERN PART

OF PORT (PETROLEUM HARBOR) WHERE PREVIOUS UNLOADING OF SOVIET CARGO VESSEL AROUSED OUR SUSPICIONS.

C. MAINLAND CHINESE VESSEL SS YOUHAO BERTHED SEVERAL DAYS AGO AT MILITARY QUAI, PIER 47. LLOYD'S INDEX HAS NO NEW ENTRY ON THIS VESSEL (STILL BEING CARRIED IN 19 AUGUST ISSUE) AFTER "FROM MARSEILLE FEB 5, BOUND WHAMPOA, SIGHTED SINGAPORE ROADS MARCH 1." SHE SEEMS TO HAVE TRANSITED THE SUEZ CANAL AND ENTERED ALEXANDRIA "UNSEEN." CARGO BOOMS OUT OVER DOCKSIDE LAST THREE DAYS, BUT NO VISIBLE UNLOADING. MAY BE WORKING AFTER DARK. ARRIVAL NOT REPORTED IN PRESS.

D. GREEK VESSEL SS SYNARISTIA ARRIVED 25 AUGUST (ACCORDING TO SHIPPING NEWS) AND IS DOCKED AT GENERAL CARGO PIER 26. DECK LOAD OF APPROX 12 MEDIUM-SIZE TANK TRUCKS PAINTED IN DARK BROWN/GREEN/YELLOW CAMOUFLAGE. ACCORDING LLOYD'S, SHIP LEFT ANTWERP 21 JULY, CALLED ROTTERDAM 28 JULY, PASSED GIBRALTAR 14 AUGUST.
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